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Historic Schaefferstown

Artisan/Demonstrator

Information and Instructions

Since 1965, Historic Schaefferstown, Inc. (HSI), a non-profit organization, has been dedicated to preserving the region’s rich cultural heritage. HSI hosts two festival-style events annually. These events have gained a reputation of being fun, family outings that also educate visitors about early Pennsylvania German culture. We have a variety of entertainment, demonstrations, food, activities, tours, and crafters. Visitors look forward to the HIGH-QUALITY traditional crafts and demonstrations. The festivals held in June and September are held on the national historic landmark 90-acre Alexander Schaeffer Farm in Schaefferstown, Pennsylvania.

We invite you to apply to share and/or sell your unique traditional crafts with others at our events. (See the criteria for traditional crafts and demonstrations.)

**Please complete the attached application and we will notify you of your selection status by the end of April. If you are not selected, we will return your event fees.**

Event Dates: **Cherry Fair & Early American Craft Show - June 28 10 AM – 4 PM**

**Harvest Fair – Saturday, September 13: 10 AM – 4PM**

**Sunday, September 14: 11 AM– 4 PM**

**\*\*Our events are held rain or shine. NO REFUNDS given for inclement weather.**

**TRADITIONAL CRAFTER/DEMONSTRATOR CRITERIA:**

* **ALL** crafts displayed and sold must be quality, traditional crafts which represent the skills and talents of the 18th and 19th century craftsman. Crafts must be handcrafted by the artisan listed on the application.
* **NO COMMERCIALLY PRODUCED OR IMPORTED ITEMS ARE ALLOWED.**
* **HSI** reserves the right to request the removal of undesirable items or items that do not match the criteria.

**PROPER ATTIRE:**

* **ALL** crafters and demonstrators are encouraged to wear 18th OR 19TH century traditional attire.

**CATEGORIES:**

* **Display and Sell - Complete** the enclosed application and submit it along with 2 – 4 photos of

your work and ONE of your exhibit/displays. (If you have participated at HSI events within the last two years, photos are NOT required.)

The fee for **each** event is **$75.00**.

* **Display, Sell and Demonstrate -** Artisans who demonstrate crafting techniques while selling at the event are extended a discount on the event fee. Complete the enclosed application and submit it along with FOUR photos of your work and ONE of your exhibit/ displays. (If you have participated at HSI events within the last two years, photos are not required.)

The fee for **each** event is **$50.00** - a discount off the full rate**.**

* **Demonstrate only -** Crafters who demonstrate a craft without selling anything are welcome at both events at NO charge. As a non-profit organization, HSI appreciates the donation of your efforts to help educate the public.

If you are new, please include photos or email them to info@hsimseum.org. If selected, we will return them to you at the event. Please include a S.A.S.E. (self- addressed stamped envelope for return of any photos.) If you prefer, send pictures to [info@hsimuseum.org](mailto:info@hsimuseum.org), please identify yourself as a FESTIVAL CRAFTER OR DEMONSTRATOR in the SUBJECT line.

**The deadline for submission of your application for BOTH events is: APRIL 1, 2025.**

**\*\* YOU will receive your selection status by May 1, 2925.**

**Confirmation of location will be provided at least one week prior to the event.**

**DETAILS FOR CRAFTERS AND DEMONSTRATORS:**

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL CRAFTERS AND DEMONSTRATORS WILL NEED TO SUPPLY THEIR OWN WEATHERPROOF CANOPY. CRAFTERS/DEMONSTRATORS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SET UP AND TAKE DOWN OF THEIR DESIGNATED AREA.**

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**SPACES** are generous in size and will accommodate at least a 10 ft. x 10 ft. standard canopy. You will be notified of your assigned space prior to the event. Space assignment priority goes to crafters who attend both festivals, and to craft persons who have attended last year's events. If you have special display or space needs, please make note on your application, we will take that into consideration when placement planning.

**FREE HSI PROMOTIONAL BROCHURES** can be provided which overview HSI and HSI's events. You may use them to encourage your own friends and prospects to look for you at the event(s). On the application, please indicate how many brochures you would like to receive prior to the event.

**OVERNIGHT SECURITY** is not provided; however, there are folks who camp overnight on the grounds. Access to exterior show spaces is available prior to the event day(s) for those who wish to set up earlier than show date(s), but any items left unattended are done so at your own risk.

**ARRIVAL TIMES:** Crafters will be asked to provide a day and time for arrival. All crafters should be set up and ready for visitors by 9:30 AM on the day of the event. There will be an ARTISAN/DEMONSTRATOR CHECK IN TENT at the entrance; please stop check in upon arrival.

**PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSSES** will not be the responsibility of HSI during set-up, display, operation or removal of your exhibit.

**DONATING AN ITEM:**  Another opportunity to provide extra exposure for you and your work and support HSI is to contribute an item to our EVENT RAFFLE. ITEMS WILL BE RAFFLED OFF AT EACH EVENT. All proceeds benefit HSI's educational and preservation efforts.

**MAIL APPLICATION** with photos and check payable to **Historic Schaefferstown, Inc.** to:

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**PO BOX 307**

**Schaefferstown, PA 17088**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact or office at (717) 949-2244 or email at info@hsimuseum.org.

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**APRIL 1, 2025**